

Abstract 1 – Africa Regional Initiatives, Activities and Connect Africa Summit Goals

As the world moves on to Information Society, the way of carrying out work and business is being affected. In addition, information and communications networks are converging to deliver broad range of services and as a result driving the change in the development of infrastructure architecture. The change in infrastructure architecture development has resulted in new networks being termed as NGN (Next/New Generation Networks) and/or Broadband Networks. In this change process, opportunities are emerging and challenges being faced too. ITU Members States in Sub-Sahara Africa are at different stages of the new networks development. When the countries are categorized into sub regions, it is also true that the sub regions are at different stages of NGN and Broadband infrastructure development. In order to achieve cost effective and efficient NGN and Broadband infrastructure to be used for sub-regional and continental interconnection, the development gaps have to be addressed and bridged. The ITU, with its capability to adapt to change and within its mandate to the Member State, is addressing the change through Africa Regional Initiatives, activities and Connect Africa Summit Goals.